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Report on work during past year, by SHEK Lan 8 March.

1. Description of work done during last year.

After parting with the unit, my wife and I were at first sent to work in XX. Our tasks were to establish a base of communications and to store up the evacuated goods. We tried to make a foothold by doing business and by practicing midwifery, since my wife had worked as a midwife for three years. I asked the unit to pay me CNG\$50,000 as capital for business, and this fund was brought to me by P'U. I also took from the unit medicines to the value of about HK\$100. After arriving, I found a store and prepared to start in business selling native products from the East River district. Later I was told that it was unnecessary for me to rent a store for the medical business, that I could use the fund to carry on other business in order to support ourselves, and that if we earned more than we had to spend the profit should be turned over for public use. Then it was September 1945. I made arrangements to open a butcher-shop to sell pork. I thought this business most appropriate in view of my financial circumstances; furthermore, such a business would not entail a complicated aftermath.

Almost half the capital was lost in two and a half months. We closed the store.

I asked P'U for instructions as to what to do. We had to solve the problem of occupation and support ourselves.

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In December I found a job in the Chun Wo Tong*, a store operated jointly with CHAN Tak-fai* and selling Chinese and foreign medicines. I worked under the leadership of a person named SO* who assigned me the following tasks: to maintain the store, to supply the unit with medicines, and to take charge of the accounts and affairs of the store. The store was opened on 10 January 1946.

Later, having left the store, I felt the threat of unemployment. Through the recommendation of a friend, I found a place to live in a hamlet in Un Long** where I could practice as a doctor. The year 1946 passed in this way.

2. General description and results of my life, work and learning in the past year.

Although for the greater part of the year I lived in peaceful cities, I struggled rather hard against the threats of life-making. My work and learning were handicapped by such threats.

We read publications such as the Hua Shang Pao, Cheng Pao and Kasses, which we deemed our guides in our thinking and work.

During the time we were in Un Long, I obtained the friendship of the farmers in the hamlet. More than twenty farmers used to come to my room and chat with me every evening. I used the news materials of the Hua Shang Pao to discuss with them. Unconsciously we made the room a people's school. They were deeply interested and full of hatred with regard to the collaboration between the Kuomintang and the United States. Soon they regarded me as their advisor, asking my opinion before doing anything. When I left the hamlet, these farmers tried to keep me there to teach their children. As I had not registered, I dared not give them an affirmative answer.

3. Self-criticism.

I did not realize the importance of personal connections. I thought that by relying on the insiders I could solve many problems. Indeed, I paid little attention to outsiders. When problems arose and the insiders could not solve them, I did not know what to do. I especially relied on organization, without putting principal emphasis on self-help.

I did not respect the opinion of others regarding organization. I rushed to do a thing before I received instructions, and I felt sorry if higher authorities did not agree with what I did.

During the past year I made little effort to review the work done and the experience gained. Through laziness, I delayed writing my report until now. It may be said that this is a kind of negative attitude toward the Party. My concept regarding the Party was also weak.

4. Plans for future work.

I originally planned to work in Un Long this year, but there was no guarantee of earning a living. It was not enough to depend on medical work alone, so I decided to do another kind of essential work and practice medicine only secondarily. I chose teaching. A friend recommended me to teach at XX School at XX village in XX district. This village has a population of over 600 and the life of the villagers is rather poor. It is situated in a business (area?), surrounded by mountains but near the coast, and although its communications are poor, its geographical position pleases me. I am planning to bring my wife and child here so that my wife can work in the women's movement. I have decided to work for the following objectives:

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1. To reconstruct rural education.
2. To improve rural life and production.
3. To improve rural livelihood.
4. To promote democracy in families.

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In order to achieve these objectives, I am going to do some substantial investigation and study. Therefore I have the following demands from the organization:

1. To hand over here the "relationship" so that I can work here.
2. To supply some materials relating to the achievement of the above-mentioned objectives.
3. To send me working directions.

Now I send \$20 tuition fees of January and February; please check and receive it.

* Cantonese romanization.

Comment. There is a market town of this name in the New
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